



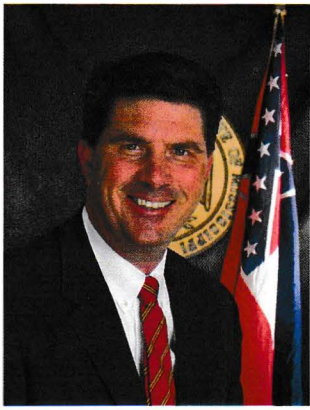
Military Appreciation Breakfast

November 7, 2019

Breakfast Served	Buffet
Welcome/Invocation	Dr. Billy Stewart President, ECCC
Posting of the Colors	Boy Scout Troop 46 Decatur Under Charter of Decatur United Methodist Church
Pledge of Allegiance	Dr. Billy Stewart
National Anthem	Vocé Under the Direction of Lucas Orndorff Choral/Voice Music Instructor, ECCC
Taps	Angel Mondragon Wall O' Sound Band Member
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Dr. Randall Lee Vice President for Student Services and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) United States Army Reserve
Guest Speaker	Stacey Pickering Executive Director, Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board
Closing Remarks	Dr. Billy Stewart



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Stacey Pickering

Stacey Pickering is executive director of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board. The board oversees and manages Mississippi's four Veterans Homes and two Veteran Memorial Cemeteries, trains and certifies almost 100 Veteran Service Officers in the state of Mississippi, and authorizes over 100 education institutions and programs to receive VA educational benefits.

Prior to his role at Mississippi Veterans Affairs, Pickering served as the 41st State Auditor of Mississippi. During his three terms, he received the David M. Walker Award for excellence in accountability from GAO, served on the Domestic Working Group for the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States, and was honored with the National State Auditor's Association's National Excellence in Accountability Award in 2012.

In 2009 and in 2013, the Department of Defense honored him with a Patriot Award in recognition of his extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Mississippi National Guard and Reserve.

Pickering serves in the Mississippi Air National Guard with the 186th Air Operations Group. Chaplain Pickering has served First Air Force, Seventh Air Force, 25 Air Force, and 432nd Air Expeditionary Wing in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He is a dedicated troop leader for Boy Scouts of America.

Pickering and his wife, Whitney, live in Laurel.